

Yukon

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Dec 15: Yukon will provide a new Affordability Rate Relief program rate relief of 2.67 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) to a maximum of 1,000 kWh each month to offset the Yukon Utilities Board's previously approved interim rate increases. The new rebate is in addition to the existing winter rebate program. Rolling back the 34% power rate hikes was part of the Yukon Party's platform during the recent general election.

Transportation Safety

Jan 1: Yukon announced significant changes to its commercial vehicle inspection program. Effective today, commercial vehicles weighing over 11,794 kilograms that operate solely within the territory will have to undergo inspection every 12 months, rather than every 6 months. The new rules apply to trucks and tractors; buses will still have to be inspected at 6-month intervals.

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Jan 12: The Yukon Nominee Program Yukon received an allocation of 282 for 2026. Employers may [apply](#) during 2 intake periods: January 19 to 30, and July 6 to 17. Employers must submit an online form providing basic information about the foreign national they're sponsoring. Submissions will receive points for meeting the Yukon Nominee Program priorities for 2026, which are: i. regulated health care professionals; ii. employers in rural Yukon; and iii. foreign nationals who have lived and worked in the Yukon for at least one year, are Yukon University graduates, are Francophone or French-speaking, or received a Temporary Measure

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Dec 5: The Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency's (CanNor) newly announced Regional Defence Investment Initiative will provide \$40.5 million over 3 years to support small and medium-sized national defence industry businesses in Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. [RDII funding](#) may also be used to enhance regional defence innovation ecosystems and for establishment of strategic infrastructure to enhance Canadian Armed Forces' operations.

Industry Challenges

Jan 8: In response to public feedback identifying problems with the government's current procurement system, Yukon halted the Vendor Performance Review program which recognizes and encourages vendors who deliver good performance on contracts. The government will work closely with the Yukon Contractors Association, First Nations, and other partners to explore alternative approaches to supporting vendor performance and continuous improvement in procurement.

Workers' Compensation

Feb 28: That's the final day for Yukon employers to file their Employer's Payroll

Return and Contract Labour Report ([EPR](#)) form listing their actual 2025 workers' compensation assessable payroll numbers and estimates for 2026. Remember that EPRs must be submitted online since the YWCHSB no longer accepts paper forms.

Action Point: Find out how much each province and territory is charging for [workers' compensation premiums in 2026](#).

Environmental

Jan 5: Yukon paused the hazardous and special waste program, the fourth program under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulation, that was scheduled to launch on January 1. The 3 current EPR programs—for batteries, automotive products and paper and packaging—will continue to operate, including curbside collection and public drop-off depots for paper and packaging.